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Holywell Primary School

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Thursday 23rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Maths Challenge

Last week 18 brave Mathematicians from Years 5 and 6 took on the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a nationally run competition which tests children on their problem solving and reasoning skills. It is a very demanding test and the children all tried their best and performed admirably. One question was so difficult Mr O'Brien and Mr van Straaten could not find the answer! Krish was the top scorer with a credible 20/25. The list of certifications is as follows:

Gold: Krish
Silver: Yumna, Shagiththi, Terin and Dhruv
Bronze: Vicky, Ema and Banshri

Children in Need

We are delighted to inform you that we raised £232.72 for Children In Need. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.



Holywell Choirs

The Holywell Choirs will be performing Christmas tunes and carols on Wednesday 13th December 2017 in the Olympic Hall between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. There will be singing and some instrumental performance also! Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy the festivity!



NSPCC – Speak out. Stay safe

On Monday 20th November 2017 the NSPCC came into school to deliver assemblies on their “Speak out. Stay Safe” campaign. This will be followed next Monday 27th November 2017 with workshops. Full details of these visits were sent out on a letter last week.

Attendance

We would like to remind parents that we are unable to authorise extended leave over the Christmas period. Any leave taken will be unauthorised and could result in a fine from Hertfordshire County Council.



Reception – September 2018 – Open Days

On Wednesday we held our first Open Day for parents of children born between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014 due to join Reception in September 2018. If you were unable to make this day please join us for our second Open Day on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 2:00pm – 3:00pm

The on line application system at Hertfordshire County Council is currently open and the last day to apply for a place for September is 15th January 2018. All places will be allocated on 16th April 2018.

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Don't forget – children in our Nursery do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception. You will need to apply via Hertfordshire County Council.

Nursery – September 2018 – Open Days

Do you have a child born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/15? If so they are eligible for a Nursery place from **1st September 2018**.

We would like to invite you to join us at one of our Open Days on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 9:30am or Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 2:00pm. At this time we will supply you with information on the different hours we are able to offer - 15 hours per week, 30 hours free Nursery care to children that meet the criteria and 30 hour Wrap Around Care.

Following changes at Hertfordshire County Council, schools with Nurseries are now responsible for their own admission arrangements. Parents wishing to apply for a Nursery place at our school will need to fill in the application form which will be available shortly. Applications close on Friday 23rd February 2018 at 9:00am and offer letters will be posed out on Monday 5th March 2018 (2nd class). The deadline to accept a place and return paperwork to school will be Friday 23rd March 2018 at 9:00am.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 23rd November 2017

Congratulation to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Kiera – Oak	Jayden – Cedar
Summer – Sycamore	Frank – Cedar
Terrance – Willow	Mohamed – Elder
Simone – Willow	Arshaq – Pine
Issac – Hazel	Lily – Beech
Lorenzo – Hawthorn	Jermaine – Cedar
Jaiyeoni - Maple	Michal – Birch
	Emily - Mulberry

Christmas Fete

Today was non-uniform day to raise funds for the Christmas Fete. Thank you to all the parents who sent their children in with bottles and jars for the tombola.

Next week, Thursday 30th November 2017 we would like your child to bring in prizes for the raffle. Chocolate, biscuits, toiletries, and 'nearly-new items' like toys, teddys, books' etc.



Christmas Dinner

If you require your child to have a Christmas Dinner on Thursday 14th December 2017 don't forget to complete and return the form by next Monday 27th November 2017.

Croxley Danes School

Croxley Danes School is consulting on their admissions arrangements for 2019-20. In accordance with the Admissions Code, they are obliged to consult widely with parents. To this end, they have asked that we share the following information with you.

Hertfordshire County Council is co-ordinating the consultation process for a number of local schools. The proposed admission arrangements for 2019/20 are available on their website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019

Croxley Danes School is consulting over minimal changes: they have altered the wording of 2 oversubscription criteria and changed the priority of siblings to be consistent with St Clement Danes School.

The consultation period is for 6 weeks between 20 November 2017 and 5 January 2018 and responses should be sent direct to us at the following address:

Admissions Consultation
Croxley Danes School
c/o St Clement Danes School
Chenies Road
Chorleywood
Herts
WD3 6EW

Speed Stacking

On Tuesday 21st November 2017, children from Year 3 and Year 4 represented Holywell Primary School at an event organised by the School Sports Partnership in Queens School. Well done to Noran, Werfaan, Lily May, Ayodeji, Ocean, Silvia, Liliana, Frank, Jayden, Thabo, Nana and Cameron.

Friday Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

Friday 1st December	St Andrew's Day (30th November)	Year 2 Willow
Friday 8th December	Hanukah	Year 2 Hazel
Friday 15th December	Christmas Concert to parents	Year 1 and Year 2

Parent Information Sessions – Autumn Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

Where: Holywell conference room

When: Tuesday 9:00am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
28 th November 2017	Reading – Key Stage 1 Understanding how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.	Mrs T Keshiro
5 th December 2017	Developing your child's self-esteem How to promote your child's self-esteem and how to recognise possible low self-esteem	Sam Ward
12 th December 2017	Reading – Key Stage 2 Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.	Mrs S Alexander

Parent Information Sessions – Spring Term:

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
16 th January 2018	Communication Tips on listening skills	Sam Ward
24 th January 2018	Reading at home – Bug Club Accessing Bug Club at home and its benefits to reading with your child	Mrs S Alexander
31 st January 2018	Quality time activities Rainy day activities (low/no cost)	Sam Ward
6 th February 2018	Cyber Safety A guide on keeping children safe online. (What apps to be aware of)	Sam Ward and Miss L Rogers



Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER 2017

Friday 24th November 2017 – Occasional Day – School Closed

Thursday 30th November 2017 – Non Uniform Day – Please send in prizes for
Christmas Raffle

Thursday 30th November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming

DECEMBER 2017

Wednesday 6th December 2017 – Open Day for Reception 2018

Thursday 7th December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming

Thursday 14th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 9:30am

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Thursday 14th December 2017 – Christmas Fair at 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Friday 15th December 201 – Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 10:00am

Friday 15th December 2017 – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Friday 15th December 2017 – Year 6 – St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 18th December 2017 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Production at 5:30pm

Tuesday 19th December 2017 – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:30pm

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week
for this academic year is 93 %

Nursery am	76%	Aspen	98%
Nursery pm	-	Beech	96%
Blue base	78%	Pine	99%
Green base	85%	Mulberry	90%
Red base	91%	Cedar	99%
Maple	81%	Rowan	96%
Oak	86%	Ash	100%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	97%
Hawthorn	94%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	92%	Birch	97%
Willow	98%	Elm	98%

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Sycamore	KS1 Hazel & Willow
KS2 Mulberry	KS2 Mulberry

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
Red Base	Iris	Kamal	Aspen	Sean	Taiba
Green Base	Hamilton	Ralhan	Pine	Ada	Ismaeel
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	Mulberry	Ruvoid
Sycamore	-	-	Rowan	Mataj	Jaanav
Maple	Anushka	JJ	Cedar	Leighton	Maya
Oak	Malwina	Kiera	Ash	Anton	Kavya
Hawthorn	Lorenzo	Charlie	Elder	Mahek	Prince
Hazel	Shaya-Mae	And	Chestnut	Sofia	Imarath
Willow	Simone	Luis	Birch	Chanice	Jellien
Beech	Cameron	Lilly	Elm	Vicky	Niamh